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SUBJECT: ECLA DISCUSSION OF HABITAT CONFERENCE

PLEASE PASS TO USDEL TO ECLA MEETING

1. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF POSITION PAPER ON UN HABITAT CONFERENCE FOR USDEL USE.

2. BACKGROUND

UN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONFERENCE HAS HAD DIFFICULTY DETERMINING WHAT ISSUES CONFERENCE SHOULD FOCUS ON. THIS NOT SURPRISING IN VIEW OF DIFFUSENESS OF TERM QUOTE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. END QUOTE AT FIRST PREP COM US MENTIONED
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SOME OF ELEMENTS IT WOULD SEE IN SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE:

1) INCREASED RECOGNITION OF THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND SHARPENED PERCEPTIONS OF THEM;

2) APPRECIATION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY AND PEOPLE NEEDED TO TRANSLATE NATIONAL SETTLEMENTS POLICY INTO ACTION;

3) EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES WITH RESPECT TO SOLUTIONS TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS;

4) IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

WE ANTICIPATE PENALOSA WILL GIVE ECLA MEMBERS A REPORT ON PROGRESS OF PREPARATIONS FOR HABITAT CONFERENCE AND WILL USE OCCASION TO TRY TO ENGAGE INTEREST AND ATTENTION OF LATIN AMERICAN FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICIALS IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS AND IN CONFERENCE. HE IS LIKELY TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR GOVERNMENTS, AT THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE, TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SETTLEMENTS POLICIES.

3. TALKING POINTS

USDEL MAY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS, IF AND AS APPROPRIATE:

1) AS CONCERNS PROGRESS OF PREPARATORY PROCESS, PENALOSA SHOULD BE COMPLIMENTED FOR VIGOROUS LEADERSHIP HE HAS BEEN PROVIDING.

2) WE REGARD COMPLETION OF AGENDA AT AUGUST PREP COM AS ESSENTIAL IF THERE TO BE ADEQUATE TIME FOR CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS.

3) WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO SEPARATE BUT MORE OR LESS CONCURRENT NGO MEETING IN VANCOUVER. NGO'S HAVE VALUABLE ROLE TO PLAY IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS. MOUNTING INTEREST AMONG US NGO'S IN CONFERENCE.

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4) US ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OWN PREPARATIONS, INCLUDING:

A) PREPARATION OF FILMS

B) HUD, AS PART OF BICENTENNIAL, DEVELOPING LIST OF 200 PROJECTS AROUND US WHERE SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS MAY BE SEEN. (THIS PROGRAM IDENTICAL IN CONCEPTION TO HABITAT CONFERENCE QUOTE DEMON-

STRATION PROJECTS. END QUOTE

C) INTERIM NATIONAL REPORT ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
ISSUES ALREADY SUBMITTED. PLANS FOR PREPARATION OF FINAL
REPORT, DUE END OF 1975, NOW BEING MADE.

D) INTERAGENCY GROUP FOR CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS
WITH FULL TIME USG COORDINATOR ESTABLISHED AND FUNCTION-
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